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P.O.D. REVEALS JUDICIAL DESIGN

Dealer Robbed Over Holiday Week End

Some time between Saturday evening July 1 and Monday morning July 3 burglars entered the office of Robert A. Siegel, 124 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N. Y. They ripped open two safes stealing twenty Elbe expansion stock books containing mint and used United States stamps as well as mint and used British North America.

Also taken were the stock of U. S. mint sheets beginning with the 1c Pan Pacific and including airmails and Officials. Covers en included items from 1847's to date.

Mr. Siegel has estimated the loss at near \$25,000.

Persons who believe they have located any of the above should contact Mr. Siegel immediately by mail or telephone. The telephone number is White Plains 9-5837.

Outstanding Austrian Specialist Dies In NYC

One of the nation's outstanding specialists in the stamps of Austria, Felix Brunner of New York City, died on June 5.

Mr. Brunner's chosen field was in the stamps of 1850 and the cancellations of Austria and Lom-bardy-Venetia. He was considered n expert therein.

an expert therein.

Mr. Brunner was one of the founding members of the Austria Philatelic Society and one of its stauchest members. On many occasions he added to the philatelic knowledge of the members through informative talks and articles.

Middletown Inaugural Flight Postponed

The Post Office Department has announced that the proposed in-auguration of airmail service at Middletown, N. Y. on route AM-94

will not take place.

Covers which collectors had placed in the hands of the Middletown postmaster for inclusion on the inaugural flight will be re-

The air carrier certificated to erve Middletown was not able obtain the use of a satisfactory airport to serve his office. There-fore the inauguration of service has been postponed indefinitely.



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THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING in Washington, D. C. will be shown in the design of the stamp to pay tribute to the Judicial Branch of the Government. Its denomination will be 3c. It is the third stamp in the series of four in honor of the establishment of the federal government in the District of Columbia now known as the National Capital Sesquicentennial series. Other stamps which have already been released are the Freedom of April 20 and the Executive of June 12. The stamp for the Legislative Branch of the government will be issued on November 22 at Washington. The Judicial stamp pictured above will have its first day of issue on August 2 at Washington, D. C. There will be fifty stamps to each pane.

Australia Announces Two Commems For Stamp Centenary; Set Of Seven Proposed For 50th Anniversary

September 27 is the day selected by Postmaster General Anthony of Australia for the appearance of two commemoratives marking the centenary of the first Australian adhesive postage stamps. With this set, both stamps with denominations of 2½d, the rather conservative Australian Postal Administration will make an innovation. Each will be of a different design and will appear side by side and alternate in position throughout a sheet. appear side by side and alternate in position throughout a sheet. Australian collectors have already expressed their approval of the idea, and they will probably be joined by other Australian fans throughout the world.

One stamp will bear a reproduction of the first stamp of Victoria issued in 1850 picturing of the former Colonies which joined to portray the Seal of the Colony of New South Wales depicting settlers landing at Sydney. It too was issued in 1850.

Both Victoria and New South

settlers landing at Sydney. It too was issued in 1850.

Both Victoria and New South Wales were former British Colonies on the Australian continent which on January 1, 1901 joined with the other four Colonies of Queensland, West Australia, South Australia and Tasmania to form the present Commonwealth.

Capital city of the country is Canberra. The nation itself is one of the few self-governing dominions of the British Empire.

Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Australian commonwealth with an issue of postage stamps is almost a certainty according to reliable sources in that country. The anniversary date will occur on January 1, 1951.

Prime Minister R. G. Menzies, with the approval of Postmaster General Anthony has suggested to the national committee in charge of planning celebrations for the event that he is in favor of a seven stamp set.

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Bob Schwannecke Saginaw, Mich Mr. Menzies proposed seven de-nominations so that each of the former Colonies which joined to form the Commonwealth could offer a design which is typical of that state. The seventh stamp would be of a design represent-ative of the Commonwealth itself. Mr. Menzies suggested as well the face value of the seven stamps be limited to a maximum of ten

be limited to a maximum of ten shillings. That would amount to approximately \$1.25 in United

approximately \$1.25 in United States money.

Such a series, stated Mr. Menzies, would hardly be an imposition on the pocketbooks of the public especially stamp collectors since Australia issues few commems, and those are usually valued at the letter rate.

An official announcement relative to the authorization of a series to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Commonwealth as described above has as yet not been made but it is a foregone conclusion that it will not be long delayed since the proposal has the backing of the government itself backing of the government itself through Mr. Menzies the Prime Minister, and of other prominent

officials and citizens.

While the organization of the Commonwealth became a reality in 1901, it was not until 1913 that stamps, national in character first appeared. In that year, the Post Office Department released a definitive series ranging in value (Continued on page 3)

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The splendid Supreme Court Building, one of the most stunning edifices in a city which abounds in beautiful architecture, was chosen as the design of the stamp to honor the Judicial Branch of the government. Completed in 1935 at a cost of \$10.000,000, it is generally regarded as the masterpiece of the late Cass Gilbert who designed it. A purple color has been chosen for this newest three cent commemorative to be produced to the tune of 125 million copies. The bulletin from the Post Office Department giving the details of the new stamp is as follows:

"Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson announced the description of the 3-cent stamp com-memorating the Judicial Branch of the Government, the third in the National Capital Sesquicentennial Series.

"The stamp, which will be placed on sale for the first time at Washington, D. C., on August 2, 1950, will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally with a double line border, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50. An initial printing order of 125,000,000 Judicial stamps has been authorized been authorized.

"The central design of the stamp is a reproduction of the United States Supreme Court Building. Across the top in a single line of dark modified Roman is Washington 1800-1950. The bottom border is completed with a dark panel in which is the wording United States Postage in shaded Gothic. Super-imposed on this panel, at the left, is the shield of the United States on which is a circle bearing the denomination 3c in dark Roman. Just below the central design is the identifying wording U. S. Su-preme Court and National Capital Sesquicentennial in dark Gothic.

The color of the stamp will be purple.

The Judicial stamp was designed by Charles R. Chickering. The vignette was engraved by George A. Gundersen and the frame, lettering and numerals were engraved by John S. Edmondson.

August 2 was selected for the first day sale of this stamp be-

August 2 was selected for the first day sale of this stamp because of the fact that it was on that day in the year 1776 the colonies completed the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess

may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10. to the Postmaster at Washington, D. C., with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed First Day Covers.

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Orbis, will be but a memory by the end of July.

Discontinuance of this bureau which not only sold current stamps but mint and used copies of past issues and supplies and accessories as well, was forcast in an evelusive news story in the

an exclusive news story in the June 5 edition of this paper.

It was predicted at that time that the sale of stamps, at least the new issues would revert to a department under the Ministry of Poets Posts.

The above is now verified by a government order which request-ed the Minister of Posts to estab-lish a department within his jurisdiction for the sale of newly issued stamps.

This department will bear the This department will bear the name of Czechoslovakia Post Philatelic Service and will probably be better known in time under the initials of POFIS.

Collectors and dealers are to be notified in due time about the steps to be taken to purchase stamps under the new setup.

It is not yet definite whether

It is not yet definite whether the sale of items other than the new issues will be allowed certain licensed dealers. licensed dealers in that country or whether the government ex-pects to protect its assumed mon-

opoly under some other guise.

The refusal of collectors and dealers to do business with the late "Orbis" because of the nature of the organization and a growing resentment among the world's collectors toward at the prop lectors toward stamps from Com-munist dominated nations is thought to have caused its down-

Possibly Orbis' failure will spike the establishment of similar monopolies in some of the other satellites.

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Canadian News

by Lorne W. Bentham 161 Concord St. Ottawa, Canada

To initiate this feature, I thought that a resume of the philatelic activities of Canada's Capital would be in order.

Recently Ottawa's collectors had an opportunity of viewing Cardin-al Spellman's famous religious col-lection, held in conjunction with the exhibition of the Sandy Hill Community Centre Stamp Club.

President of the Club, Allan Whalen and the Director of the Exhibition Committee, Rev. Father Gerard Boulanger, OMI, stated that 10,000 citizens witnessed the

This event really sold philately as an educational as well as an excellent financial pastime to noncollectors

It may be of interest to know that the club's founder, Charles St. Germain, an alderman in Ottawa's City council, is planning on promoting the hobby to Ottawa's teen-agers this fall. Mr. St. Germain hopes to introduce this programme through the Ottawa. rogramme through the Ottawa Recreation Commission, of which he is an official. Prominent Ottawa philatelists will give a series of lectures on the fundamentals of the hobby.

The RA Stamp Club of Ottawa is planning on a three-day stamp exhibition this fall in the Chateau Laurier hotel in Ottawa.

One of the RA Stamp Club members, Colonel Sidney S. Weatherbie, a specialist in P. E. I. stamps, boasts of being the only philatelist on the North American continent having the largest assortment of mint plate block corner positions of the 1942 Canadian war issue. Out of a possible 1,520 corner positions, he has secured 1,517, which is in itself a remarkable achievement.

able achievement.
It has, however, been reported that his collection, valued at approximately \$25,000, is for sale. Robson Lowe of Robson Lowe Ltd.

of Philadelphia has recently travelled to Ottawa to inspect it.

Whenever this collection appears on the market, there will be many classic Canadian, Prince Edward and Nova Scotia stamps available to the colecting fraternity.

And that's the resume of the collecting activities of Canada's Capital—Ottawa—at the present moment. Philately is definitely

on the increase. Until next time, good collecting

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fices listed below with a request that the slogan be applied.
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Among its subjects are the AMG

Among its subjects are the AMG stamps for Germany, Brunswick printing, including the scarce 8 pfennig. Semi-postals of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, with appropriate slogan inscriptions, and which have provoked a good number of forgeries, are treated in considerable detail.

The Inselpost stamps of which there are seven recognized types there are seven recognized types not counting perforation and color varieties, are fully reviewed and twelve forgeries of the overprint described and illustrated. The history of the Tunis (palm) stamp is given and at least those of the numerous forgeries discussed which the average collector can expect to identify without benefit of an expert's opinion.

Some of the very attractive Polish locals issued under the German occupation in such cities and towns as Warsaw, Przedborz and Zarika, also the first imperforate coat of arms issue of Lux-embourg, the Red Cross stamps of Estonia of 1923, and two forgeries of the 6 cuartos, Spain, 1851, are further subjects.

Balje ueber Stade, British Zone, Germany.
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California Newspaper Will Sponsor Cachet

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Collectors can obtain them di-

Collectors can obtain them directly, after August 1, by asking for them at the Want Ad lobby in downtown San Francisco, Third

in downtown San Francisco, Third and Market Sts.
Collectors and interested per-sons in other parts of the country can obtain copies of the envelope on request. These requests must be accompanied with a self-addressed and stamped envelope of a size large enough to carry them.

Requests by mail can be directed to Joan Garman, Promotion Dept., San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco 19, Calif.

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Ambrose

Harold F. Ambrose former Public Relations Assistant to the United States Postmaster General was indicted on June 30 by a Federal grand jury for fraud in the operation of a \$700,000 pool in postage stamps.

The indictment contained

counts involving maximum penal-ties of 169 years and several hundred thousands of dollars in

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JUDICIAL STAMP (Continued from page 1)

not get the idea that the stamp is issued exclusively to pay honor to the Supreme Court, it is pointed out that it is in compliment to the entire federal judiciary. This includes federal courts and their personnel in Washington, the states and the territories.

The Supreme Court and the Federal Judiciary were created and their jurisdiction defined by sections 1 and 2 of Article III of the Constitution which reads:

"The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Service, a compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in office.

ance in office.

"The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under the Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made under their Authority...."

Because the states felt that their sovereignty was imposed upon in

sovereignty was imposed upon in the act establishing the Courts, they pressed for a change. It was granted to them under the Eleven-th Amendment to the Constitution by which the authority of the Supreme Court to hear any suit be-tween a state and an individual, with several exceptions, was limit-

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WEST INDIES. There will be a special issue of two values by the territories listed below to commemorate the inauguration of the University College of the West Indies in 1948, and the installation of Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, as Chancellor. The lower value will depict the Arms of the College and the higher value, a full length portrait of H. R. H. Princess Alice, seated and in her robes as Chancellor of the college. Both stamps will bear the Royal Cypher, the wording "University College of the West Indies" and the name of the country.

The list and colors are as follows:

Antigua—3c black and brown, 12c black and violet.

Barbados—3c brown and green, 12c blue and sepia.

British Guiana—3c black and red, 6c black and blue.

British Honduras—3c purple and brown, 10c green and brown.

Dominica—3c green and purple, 12c green and red.

Grenada—3c black and red, 6c black and olive.

Jamaica—1½d black and chocolate, 6d grey-black and purple.

Leeward Is.—3c orange and black, 12c purple and brilliant rose.

Montserrat—3c black and red, 12c black and violet,

St. Kitts-Nevis—3c black and orange, 12c black and brilliant rose.

St. Lucia—3c black and red, 12c black and claret.

St. Vincent—3c green and red, 12c black and claret.

Trinidad—3c green and brown, 12c black and purple.

Printing has been ordered for

Printing has been ordered for these stamps and it should be noted that all except Jamaica are promised in cents and not pence. Release dates will be announced

TONGA. There will be a special issue of three stamps to commemorate the 50th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Salote. The designs will consist of three different portraits of Her Majesty. The values will be 1d red, 5d purple and 1 shilling green.

MALTA. There will be a special In A Real tood bid Hawaiian Way
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Islander, who wants your friendship. Mahalo. (I thank you)

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MALTA. There will be a special issue of three stamps to commemorate the recent visits of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth. The design of all three will consist of a portrait of the Princess, the Royal Cypher and the George Cross.

The values will be 1d red 3d.

The values will be 1d red, 3d deep ultramarine and 1 shilling black.

GIBRALTAR. To commemorate GIBRALTAR. To commemorate the inauguration of the Legislative Council, supplies of current stamps will be overprinted "New Constitution 1950". The values overprinted will be 2d, 3d and 6d overprinted in black and 1 shilling overprinted in red.

The release date for these stamps is August 1, 1950.

ST. KITTS. To commemorate the tercentenary of British settlement in Anguilla, supplies of the following values of the current issue will be overprinted in black "Anguilla Tercentenary 1650-1950".

The values to be overprinted are 1d, 1½d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, and 1 shilling.

GRENADA. Grenada will have a new definitive issue in decimal currency as follows: All will be postage and revenue. ½c black/brown, 1c black/green, 2c black/sepia, 3c black/scarlet, 4c black/orange, 5c black/violet, 6c black/olive green, 7c black/light blue, 12c black/purple, 25c black/brown, 50c black/light blue, \$1.50 black/yellow and \$2.50 slate blue/claret. GRENADA. Grenada will have

claret.

The design for the values to 12c will embody the border of the 1861 Queen Victoria "Penny" issue (Chalon Head) with a vignette portrait of H. M. the King. The 25c, 50c and \$1.50 values will embody the current Colony badge and the Royal Cypher. The \$2.50 value will be the same design as the present 10 shilling stamp but Imperial Cypher to be replaced by Royal Cypher and word "Postage" deleted.

MAURITIUS & NORTH BOR-

MAURITIUS & NORTH BOR-NEO. The recently announced new issues for Mauritius and North Borneo were released on July 1, 1950.

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Current Philatelic History In The Making

Add the following to the list of world shaking events with a philatelic tie-in.

on July 4, Post Card, a horse owned by Mrs W. M. Jeffords won the Leonard Richards stakes at Wilmington, Delaware.

The nag did quite well for its backers paying \$15.20 to \$2 for nose bets. Personal and the state of the s

produced and sold issues of their own which were valid throughout the nation. All of them had pro-duced stamps since the beginnings of their postal systems in the last half of the nineteenth century.

The centenaries and sesquicentennials of several of the Australian states have been marked by commemorative stamps issued by the Commonwealth. In 1929, the Centenary of Western Australia was noted with a 1½d dull red stamp in large horizontal format which pictured a black swan. This bird appeared on the first, and with several exceptions, all the other stamps issued from there. Victoria's Centenary was publi-

Victoria's Centenary was publicised with a set of three stamps all of the same design picturing a Yarra-Yarra native, the Yarra River and a view of Melbourne. Denominations were 2d, 3d and 1/-

South Australia's founding Cen-South Australia's founding Centenary was observed with a set of three stamps in 1936. They too were of 2d, 3d and 1/- denominations and all carried the same design. It pictured the "Proclamation Tree" and a view of the city of Adelaide as it was in 1886.

AUSTRALIA
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from ½d to £2 bearing identical designs of a kangaroo superimposed on an outline map of the country.

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Aloha nul, Pupule Kame.

Aloha nui, Pupule Kane.

P. S. Why you no write advertisement in Hawaiian? Boss say P. S. means "post-age send." Auwe (sorrow) first postage due, now postage send. Much funny.

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We find an item in the Sales Department News Column of Mr. J. E. Guest, sales manager for the American Philatelic Society which is food for thought for stamp collectors. Mr. Guest says "Business is holding up. Altho not as good as the lush years of 1946-48 business has been on an even keel this year. We always used to have a total of \$10,000.00 a month or more in sales. But during this fiscal year this seems impossible. Try as we have by the expenditure of large postage sums for circulation, and sending of circuits, our sales just fail to reach the \$10,000.00 mark. We attribute this to two things, during the good years collectors bought freely of excess sets and extra duplicate stamps, as everybody was spending. Now they want to market the surplus and this has brought a large volume of such stamps more or less along the same lines, and priced as in 1946-1947, which market does not prevail now. We still have a surplus of low valued general books, and we still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and we still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and we still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and we still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and we still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and we still have a surplus of low valued general books, and we still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and the still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and the still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and the still recommend that members do not enter mixed general books and the stamps of such books waiting their turn on the circuits. On the other hand offerings of the better 19th and 20th U. S. have just not been made this year. Why not try to cash some of your surplus and duplicate U. S. is stamps prive to 1935, right now and could send them out on circuits the day they arrive."

As for the remarks about the foreign stamps in the above quest

for money is going to hold those stamps until prices are again to his liking.

As for stamps since 1935, our own Post Office Department has put a crimp in all of them by issuing such large quantities. It is only now and then that one of them pops up as a good buy. For instance the late 5c New York Air Mail. Even then thousands of collectors who had an opportunity to buy from the Agency as soon as they were issued, put it off till the stock was cleaned out and the stamps high priced, based on face and then cried because they had not gotten some.

Facts of the matter are that if we could have about two of the stamps each year that would hit high prices or double to triple face in a short time after issue it would be a shot in the arm that would do a tremendous amount of good for the hobby.

When The Moon Shines On Moonachie

A few weeks ago we had occasion to remark about the fact that the U. S. Post Office Department had marked the little town of Moonachie, New Jersey, off the map. We had papers addressed to this point come back to us with the markings that there was no such town. Just how the Post Office Department removes towns from the countryside we can not learn but we did quickly learn that whether the Post Office Department knew it or not, that Moonachie was still there as was evidenced by dozens of letters from proud residents of the vicinity and the state of New Jersey. Some even sent us maps with the town marked, others wrote lengthy letters calling attention to the location of the town and all that but even now we do not know if it is still proper to address mail to Moonachie. We wrote postmasters in two different New Jersey towns and got different instructions and directions from each and today we got a card from another Jerseyite who sends us a clipping from the editorial column of a New Jersey Newspaper which calls attention to our plight. We bet if this keeps up that the Senator from New Jersey will take the matter up with the POD and have Moonachie put back on their map.

Congratulations To Pete Keller

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Pete, his friends call him, is Peter G. Keller, Executive Officer of the American Stamp Dealers Association and the congratulations are due him on his marriage to Miss Helen Van Zilen on June 24th. They will take a honeymoon after which they will return to New York. Last year Mr. Keller managed the National Postage Stamp Show held under the auspices of the American Stamp Dealers Association and Miss Van Zilen acted as his right hand "man" in the many duties with which he was charged. It was due in a great part to her strenuous efforts that the show went over so well and this new venture by Mr. Keller will assure him of even greater cooperation for the show this year.

We personally congratulate the new Bride and Groom and feel certain that they will both have a long and happy life together.

Prior to their marriage Miss Van Zilen had been employed by Mr. Keller for several years past and she is recognized in the stamp world as one of the best informed women in the field.

First Metered Mail Nearly Fifty Years Ago

Back in 1900, almost 50 years ago, an inventor placed in experimental operation a slot machine for the automatic stamping of mail. The test was at Graz in

On dropping a penny in a slot, letters thrust in a small opening for that purpose were given an young in a mysterious manner.

impression which denoted the payment of the postage fee.

The same inventor had produced an automatic banjo which played continuously and very much out of tune until someone put a penny in the slot. That would keep it quiet for five minutes, after which it would play

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AAMS Convention At Museum In September

The American Air Mail Society and National Philatelic Museum Committees are reporting splendid progress in the arrangements for progress in the arrangements for the 1950 International Airpost Ex-hibition to be staged at the Mu-seum in Philadelphia, Pennsyl-vania from September 16 through October 18 and the 27th Annual Convention of the Society to be held September 22, 23, and 24.

Grace P. Conrath, Secretary of the Exhibition Committee reports several outstanding exhibits have already been entered in the first all airpost exhibition to be shown in the Museum. The official prospectus and entry blanks are available from Mrs. Conrath, P. O. Box 519, Albion, Pennsylvania, and it is emphasized that this competitive exhibition is open to all airpost collectors and membership in the society is not required.

The National Philatelic Museum will provide an attractive certifi-cate for each entry, and also, medals will be awarded in each of the fourteen classifications set forth in the prospectus.

forth in the prospectus.

President Conrath, the American Air Mail Society, the National Philatelic Museum, the Airpost Journal, official magazine of the society are providing additional trophies and awards for the exhibitors. Harry L. Lindquist has accepted the appointment of Chairman of the Judging Committee, and will be provided with judges qualified and competent to judge airpost material.

In connection with the Exhibit

In connection with the Exhibi-tion and Convention, the National Museum Book, which will be de-voted to aerophilately, will be issued under the editorship of L. B. Gatchell, the Editor of The Air post Journal.

The headquarters of the Convention will be the Hotel Ritz-Carlton, and room reservations should be made direct with the

The Post Office Department will establish a branch postal station at the National Philatelic Museum for the three days of the conven-tion, and all mail will be posttion, and all mail will be post-marked with a special cancellation for the convention. The society will provide a specially designed envelope for each day of the con-vention which will have historical reference to Philadelphia and its ignificant aeronautical events. significant aeronautical events. John J. Smith, Treasurer, AAMS, Ferndale and Emerson Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will handle the covers for collectors, and a cover mailed each day, in-cluding the postage, will be available for fifty cents.

Business sessions of the Convention will be held at the Museum. An informal get-together will be held Friday evening, while the banquet is planned for Saturday evening, both at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton.

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The Bourse Committee is under the chairmanship of Gearhart Frantz, 2513 Marshall Road, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.
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A special slogan cancellation will also be applied on these covers. For those who wish the first day of the slogan cancellation only, send prepared covers to the Postmaster, Holyoke, Mass, before Aug. 1 which will be the first day of issue.

Will Teach Italian To ISC Members

Something new in philately has been announced by the Italy Stamp Group. Starting with the first Friday after Labor Day (September 8), the society's New York Chapter will conduct a beginner's class in Italian.

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The class is designed to help collectors of Italian stamps to handle the Italian-language catahandle the Italian-language catalogs and philatelic literature that the society is helping to make available to its membership. Attendance at the class will be free to members. Information can be obtained by writing to the Secretary, Domenico Facci, 248 W. 14th Street, New York City.

A second edition of the Bulletin of the Italy Stamp Group is now

A second edition of the Bulletin of the Italy Stamp Group is now in preparation. It is expected to run to eight pages instead of the five pages which made up the first issue.

Meanwhile, a limited number of copies of the first issue are still available, and may be had, free, by writing to Mr. Facci, at the address given above.

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of the more than three thousand islands and rocks which Eight Airmails From Sudan July 1; Bahamas, only twenty are oc-New Zealand's Canterbury Issue

Sudan's colorful new airmail set of eight stamps went on sale there on July 1. All are in a horizontal format, the work of Messrs. de la Rue & Co. of England. The intaglio process was used for the printing on paper watermarked with a multiple "S. G.".

. All eight are perforated 12 and made up in sheets of fifty

All eight are perturbated.

Stamps each.

Denominations designs and colors of the issue are as follows:
2 piastres green and black pictures the Blue Nile Bridge; the 2½p orange and blue shows the Kassala Jebel (mountains); the 3p blue orange and blue shows the Kassala Jebel (mountains); the 3½p sepia and brown and purple depicts a Sagia (water wheel); the 3½p sepia and brown a view of Port Sudan.

The light blue and sepia 4p has the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum; the 4½p bright blue and black pictures a Nile River Post Boat; the 6p red and black pictures what is now almost a ghost town, the former port and commercial center of Suakin; the 20p purple and black has a picture of the General Post Office at Khartoum. ture of the Cat Khartoum.

Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, England state that all the above Sudanese airmails have been overprinted "S. G." (Sudan Government) for official usage.

The same source says that on June 29 Saar issued three stamps for the Holy year each with identical designs. Shown is the statue of St. Peter from St. Peter's in Rome. Denominations are 12 francs green, 15fr red and 25fr blue. blue.

Also issued was a single commemorative stamp with a denomination of 10fr sepia which marked the 400th anniversary of the town of Ottweiler.

Further details of the designs, colors and designers of the Canterbury Centennial series have been released. The first day of issue has been set for November 20, which coincides with the opening of the Canterbury Centennial International Philatelic Exhibition in Christchurch. hibition in Christchurch.

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Philatelic covers mailed from
the exhibition will be postmarked
with a special cancelling device.
On December 16, the actual
centennial date, the cities of
Christchurch and Lyttelton will
be supplied with special cancelling dies.

be supplied with special cancelling dies.
Of the five stamps two of them, the 1d and 3d will be in vertical formats, the others laid out horizontally.
The Anglican Cathedral at Christchurch will appear on the 1d gray green and light blue, Designer was J. Berry of Wellington. Symbolism will be incorporated into the design of the 2d. It will

into the design of the 2d. It will picture the arrival of the pioneer women on the crest of the Lyttelton Hills overlooking the Canter-bury Plains. The cairn erected in their memory will form an inte-gral part of the picture. Colors are to be carmine and brick red. Designer was L. C. Mitchell of Wellington. Wellington.

Wellington.

J. A. Johnstone of Christchurch designed the 3d light blue and dark blue. The stamp will picture John Robert Godley, founder of Canterbury with the immigrant ship "Cressy" in the background.

ship "Cressy" in the background.

Mr. Berry designed the remaining two values of the set, the 6d chocolate and light blue and the 1/- deep maroon and light blue. The former carries a view of Canterbury University College, and the latter, an aerial view of the port of Timaru, agricultural center of South Canterbury.

Printing will be the work of Messrs Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. using engraved plates. The five stamps will be the usual commemorative size and will appear 120 to a sheet.

120 to a sheet.

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Luxembourg's set of six semipostal stamps released on June
24 was for the benefit of War Orphans. Only two designs were
used these distributed evenly
throughout the series.

A small boy, his face mirroring
his recollections of the war horrors he has experienced seeking
shelter dominates the design of

shelter dominates the design of the 60c plus 15c blue green, the 2fr plus 30c dark brown and the

a small girl gazing hopefully into the future. The denominations in this design are 1fr plus 20c scar-let, 3fr plus 75c dark blue and the 10fr plus 5fr red violet.

The set will remain on sale until October 31, and retain validity for the prepayment of postage fees until December 31, 1951.

Statistics For Kansas City Executive Stamps

The Post Office Department has eleased the statistics relative to the first day of issue of two recent

At Kansas City, Mo., on June 3, Fresno, Calif., Chairman. when the Kansas City Centennial stamp was released, 405,390 covers Sacramento Stamp Club, Host-For

Editor Tours To Sell

The first of a series of trips on a good will tour is being made by Harry Weiss, Managing Editor of Weekly Philatelic Gossip. Weiss will present a two hour colored projection program, with a view of interesting newcomers into America's No. 1 hobby—stamp collecting. stamp collecting.

By way of promoting Philately By way of promoting Philately to present collectors and those interested in becoming collectors, the audience is taken on a trip around the world, to stamp issuing countries. Some of the stamp issues of the countries visited are shown on Weiss' album pages, projected on a large size screen so that the audience may see them. Explanation of the color spectrum and the Ultra violet rays will be done in simple language and with the aid of a portable laboratory. George W. Linn, publisher of

George W. Linn, publisher of Linns Weekly Stamp news, in a recent well written editorial had something to say about "Whats Wrong with the Stamp Business?" Strange as it may appear this performance is based on Mr. Linn's ideas. There is nothing wrong with either stamp collecting or the dealer's part played.

What is wrong with Stamp Collecting is the fact that very little is being done to show newcorns.

is being done to show newcomers the many attractions that the hobby offers them. Old timers are passing on. Juniors, the collectors of tomorrow as well as those

of tomorrow as well as those whose span of life will allow them to devote their time to the hobby have been neglected. That is exactly the purpose of this tour.

To prove the contention, eleven shows will be given. In each instance a live stamp club committee has secured exhibition places, done publicity work and have used all the means at their command to assure a good attendance. The route follows, also the place of exhibition, the name of those in

mand to assure a good attendance. The route follows, also the place of exhibition, the name of those in charge who will gladly give details, at no time is there an admission charge. If you live near or in these cities, you will be welcomed. Midland, Texas. July 22nd, Auditorium, West Elementary High School, presented by Midland Stamp Club, R. S. Clarke, Chairman, Box 1021, Midland, Texas. July 26th, Puppett Theatre, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif., San Diego Philatelic Society, Host-Secretary, Dorothy Mae Schnug, 4471-44th St. San Diego, Calif. July 27th, Auspices of Ventura Stamp Club, Little Theatre, Ventura, Calif., A. R. Baker, Chairman, 20 South Chestnut St., Ventura, Calif.

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July 29th-Polytechnic High School Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif., Host, Philatelic Clubs of Los Angeles, George J. Fosdyke, Chairman, 459 South Bixel St., Los Angeles, Cal. (Tickets may be secure from Mr. Fosdyke. Admission by ticket only).
Monday, July 31st. San Bernardino, Calif. Sponsor, San Bernardino Stamp Club, American

fr plus 3fr dark gray.

On the remaining three is shown
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place of Exhibition address A. M. Allen, Chairman, 3072 Eighth Ave., Sacramento, Calif.
August 11th, Reno Nev., Auditorium, Education Bldg., University of Nevada. Mrs. Jessie Rogers, Co-Chairman, 25 Park St., Reno Nev.

August 14th, Salt Lake City, Utah. Host, Stamp Clubs of Salt Lake City, presentation at Hotel Newhouse, Silas L. Ford, 2249 Ramona Ave, S. L. City, Utah, Chairman.

Koran Forbid The Use Of Pictures On Stamps

For many years, the postage stamps of Turkey remained some of the most unattractive issues in the world due to a point of religion.

A passage in the Koran, the book containing the sacred scriptures of the Mohammedans, forbids the making of images. To stay within the laws of the religion, the sign manual of the Sultan was used which is in effect Sultan was used, which is in effect an impression of the imperial hand.

This signature is said to have its origin with the Sultan Murad I, who on completing a treaty with the Italian Republic of Ragusa in 1365, unable to sign his name, applied ink to his open palm and slapped it upon the parchment.

Dealer Doings

Of interest to dealers only is the new Wholesale Price List No. 42 of mint and used United States or mint and used United States stamps available to the trade from the Navarre Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y. The firm states that in this new list quite a few items are featured at lower prices which would make it worthwhile for dealers to send for their free copy.

Collectors interested in stamps of foreign nations will find it profitable to send for his List No. 5 states Jacob Habib, 1407 Sher-idan Ave., New York 56, N. Y. He offers mint sets from ½ to 1/8 catalog from certain countries promising a return of the order in mint unhinged copies within forty-eight hours after the receipt of it.

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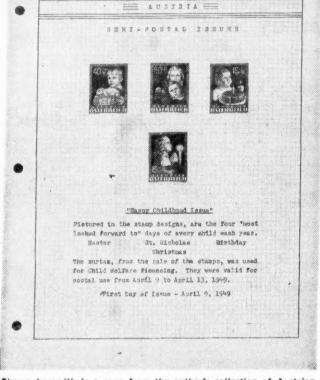
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Shown herewith is a page from the author's collection of Austrian semi-postal stamps of the Post World War II period. It shows the "Happy Childhood Issue" released on April 9, 1949, the surtax from the sale of which was used for Child Welfare financing. Children are shown in poses symbolical of their "biggest" days of the year. At the top left is a small boy with his basket of Easter Eggs and an Easter Bunny. In the top center are two little girls who have set out their shoe for a present from St. Nicholas, while at top right a "one year old" is posed in front of the birthday cake for his first birthday anniversary. At the bottom is a girl praying for a visit from Santa Claus, a Christmas candle and a spray of evergreen. The engraving, coloring and design of these stamps are convincing evidence that Austrian stamps are among the best produced any-

AUSTRIAN STAMPS ARE BEAUTIFUL

by Carl P. Rueth

Austria is considered by many stamp collectors and artists as the producer of the finest and best designed postage stamps made from engraved plates in the world. While some qualified persons might not want to grant that Austrian are the best of the stamps produced by this method, they can hardly eliminate the country from among the top three of such nations which would include France and Switzerland. and Switzerland.

All Austrian stamps have not been printed from engraved plates. Typography, lithography and photogravure processes have been em-

It is in the semi-postals that the country's philatelic product really shines, these being the "jewels" in an otherwise splendid crown. But the average collector with

But the average collector with a rather limited budget will find that the completion of the early, or better put, the pre-World War II semi-postals, will supply a lengthy project. Not because the stamps are scarce at the retail dealers, but because some of the sets are priced in substantial amounts. amounts.

amounts.

A number of collectors have solved the problem of owning and enjoying the fine workmanship, design and coloring of Austrian stamps in a rather simple manner. They start with the first issue after the close of the war, produced in 1945 (Scott No. B165) and work towards completion work towards completion from there.



One of the ten issued to aid construction of St. Stephen's the pictures the Statue of the Madonna bum provides space for every single United States Commemorative from works of art.

> The only spot where they will run into an item of expense is the set of four Renner sheets which they can take or leave as their finances and mood dictate. Mere scanning of the pictures

of the post war semi-postals in a catalog or otherwise will not begin to reveal to the beholder the gin to reveal to the beholder the beauty of these miniature works of art. As for example, the set of ten produced to raise money for the restoration of St. Stephen's Cathedral. Featured are various views of the church and its splendid statuary and architectural high lights.

The set for the Vienna Inter
and which pictures various art masterpieces. In this case the art includes a number of mediums other than the commonly accepted painting and sculpturing.

Possibly the most beautiful set of airmail stamps produced by any nation are those of Austria issued in 1947. Various scenes to be found in the Austrian prov-



national Sample Fair in 1947 is another set which abounds in eye appeal. The eight stamps carry designs of various industrial, ag-ricultural, manufacturing and service activities.



Equally as good from all stand-points in the opinion of those who like to compare the various sets is that produced in 1947 also and which pictures various art masterpieces. In this case the art includes a number of mediums other than the commonly accept-

inces were used with stunning results.

Of the post war regulars or commems the set which will ap-



peal to nearly all collectors is the so-called "Costumes" issue. There are 27 stamps, the design of each one having a beautiful Austrian girl pictured on it in the costume of a certain province. This series with the exception of the high value which was produced from engraved plates is all made by the photogravure printing process. printing process.



tals were issued in 1948 to

Also since the war, Austria has issued at regular intervals a stamp for some of its famous men. These are said to be part of a Famous Mens series which is to continue for an indefinite period. To date all such Famous Men stamps have been printed from engraved plates and picture such well known world figures as Franz Grillparzer, Franz Schubert, Carl Michael Zieher, Friedrich von Amerling, former President Karl Renner, and the Johann Strauss' both father and son.



For the reconstruction of the Salzburg Cathedral Austria issued eight semi-postals in 1918 which showed various views in and around the church. This stamp re-veals a view from the south of the edifice.

(Continued on page 11)



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ISRAEL'S FIRST AIRMAIL STAMPS were used to carry mail on the first flight of the E1 A1 Israel National Air Lines from Lydda Airport in Israel to New York City. First day of issue of the stamps and the first flight were identical, June 25. Flown covers were back stamped in New York City on June 27. The stamps all feature birds adapted to the stamp designs from ancient architecture and art work. Denominations are 5, 30, 40, 50, 100 and 250 prutah. Covers for illustrations were received through Gimbels Stamp Department, and the Penny Black Stamp Co. both of New York City.



LEONARD EPSTEIN New York 4,



CZECHOSLOVAKIA -First day covers of two new sets have come from the Post Office Department. The first is a two value set marking the 75th anniversary of S. K. Neuman (1875-1950) and is represented by the 1.50 koruna, blue and 3k. red-purple.



The second set appeared June 21 and honors B. Nemcova (1820-1950), authoress. In this case the values are 1.50 k. blue, and 7k. black violet. It is understood three stamps will appear August 14 for the 2nd International Students World Congress. Values are reported as 1.50k, 3k. and 5k.

GERMANY—The annual Liepzig Fair will be held August 27 to September 1, and it is anticipated the usual two stamps or so will be released.



HUNGARY-Five stamps have been submitted, marking a youth gathering. Values are: 20 filler green. 30f. brick-orange; 40f. brown; 60f. purple and 1.70 forint, slate green.

ate green.

INDIA—The remaining stamps of the India Service type will be issued July 1—specifically the pies and anna denominations, since the Rupee stamps have already been released. The additions will consist of the 3, 6 and 9 pies, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 annas.

ITALY—A 15 Lire postage stamp of the present issue has been found on double paper and a horizontal strip of eight of the

a horizontal strip of eight of the 8 lire authorized delivery stamp showing only four completely printed stamps has also been found.

MEXICO—Receipt of the U.P.

MEXICO—Receipt of the U.P. U. set has been reported. The 25c. brown, illustrates an allegorical figure carrying a letter in the hand, with a plane and train in the background. The 80c., aquamarine, has a hand holding a globe, and the 50c. violet bears the large letters "U.P.U." It is stated there were two printings of the 50c. due to a break in the the 50c, due to a break in the first plate and it is believed the colors will differ enough to distinguish between the printings.

NIUE—Issuance of the new pictorial set was delayed from June 1 to July 3 owing to unexpected alterations in the shipping ar-rangements between New Zealand

rangements between New Zealand and Niue.

SOMALIA—The following stamps are reported as having been issued by the Italian administration: Postage - 1c. gray; 5c. red; 6c. blue-purple; 8c. dark green; 10c. light green; 20c. deep green; 35c. yellow-red; 55c. blue; 60c. blue-purple; 65c. brown sepia and 1 Somali dark red-yellow.

The airmails are: 30c. light brown; 45c. carmine-red; 65c. dark blue-gray; 70c. blue; 90c. dark blue-gray; 70c. blue; 90c. dark brown; 1 Somali red; 1.35S. blue-purple and 1.50S. green.

There are also express stamps and postage dues.

Something For Your Enjoyment

Two delightful pieces of nonsense appeared in the "extra" July edition of the "Lancaster County Philatelist" which are County Philatelist" which are certainly worthy of reproduction. The Philatelist is the official publication of the Lancaster County Philatelic Society of Lancaster,

Pa.

Cliff Thorbahn is the editor of this snappy paper which makes a decided hit with his fellow club members each time it is issued.

The first item of persiflage is from the pen of "Oliver Q. Fingerbatch" and has as its title—

MASSACE FROM

MASSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wonder how many people have enshrudle of the arteries. Certain-ly quite a many. Whilst perusing among my collection of old Veto jars, I came upon a stamp which really almost gave me hysteria of the dura mater.

It was a pinkish freak of the third dynasty—worth nearly three and a half cents but there were two curious perforations in the center—approximately 1 1/10 millimeters apart—arranged diagonally across the center design

of the stamp.

I usually look for the insignia "in hoc signum perdis" which is the only Latin I can remember. This time, I didn't look for Latin. I slipped to the floor unconscious

Wnat a rarity! And, to think, I got it for one cent at the Auction at the club!

at the club!

A very good friend of mine, John Bucket, stopped in. He looked at me on the floor and refused to take note—because he can't write. He searched for fingerprints. He looked for clues. He looked for money and securities. Then he found the stamp on my desk. He looked for the Latin inscription He mustered to himself: "Only worth two million rupees! And me not knowing how much is a rupee!" He spat. "Besides—somebody ruined it with a staple.

a rupee!" He spat. "Besides—somebody ruined it with a staple. It's damaged."

I sat up. "What is damaged?" I whispered salivarily.

"This stamp she is the staple ruined by yet."

"Sense makes that doesn't!" I

"Sense makes that doesn't!" I whispered in his shell-like face. "Sh-h-h!" he hissed. "Don't try to act like you are knowing every-

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thing. I guess you'd like me to think this is an error!"

think this is an error!"

I toyed with my revolver. "Certainly it's an error," I said, shooting him non-chalantly, "this is all a big mistake."

Equally as stimulating and as authoratative is the second "study" which was written by "Birthmarks Anthony" with the title—

STAMPS ISSUED

SINCE CLEOPATRA

This column, will take up a

This column will take up a serious examination of the stamps issued in South Matrix since Cleopatra. This subject was previously undertaken in a well known study by a little known collector in one of the stamp magazines, I think. There are four stamps of South Matrix. The complete album may be bought at any price depending

be bought at any price depending on how close the country gets to on how close the country gets to total war.

All of the four stamps of South

All of the four stamps of South Matrix (there are four) were issued after Cleopatra. They are called "Stamps Issued Since Cleopatra" in the catalog.

COLLECTORS ARISE! Will you allow these lovely. beautiful, historic, mysterious treasures to be called "Stamps Issued Since Cleopatra" when it is not absolutely certain that Cleopatra was issued!

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There are four stamps of South Matrix. The four stamps, used in South Matrix, were never used because there was no mail service.

Also there are no postal rates!
(Yoo-hoo! Are you paying attention?)

All four of the stamps of South Matrix are printed tete beche on a press which had not been inked. We assume that no doubt the printer was tete as a beche, too!

The stamps (there are four) are angummed, too. This makes all four of them barely distinguishable. In fact, it's a safe bet they are worth plenty of, Money?

Do You Suppose He Wanted Love Alen?

An advertisement in the classi-fied section of a large New York newspaper in 1911 excited a lot

of humorous comment. It read, "A collector of postage stamps, possessing 12,544 speci-mens desires to contract a marriage with a young lady also a collector, who has the blue Mauritius stamp of 1847. No other need apply."

need apply."
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BY CARL P. RUETH

While the Post Office Departwhile the Post Office Department has never lent a receptive ear to a Santa Claus stamp it seems that we will have a Christmas stamp nevertheless, and probably before the end of November

The subject to be pictured on said stamp will be the General Grant Tree located in King's Canyon National Park, California. The Grant Tree is also known as the Nation's Christmas Tree. Christmas Day ceremonies were

held at this giant redwood in 1925 when residents from com-munities nearby drove to the park for this purpose. On April 28, 1926, it was dedi-

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cated formally as the "Nation's there will be a commemorative Christmas Tree". Since then organized patriotic and devotional services have been held there there will be a commemorative stamp to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of that city.

Two hundred and fifty years yearly.

It seems that one of the chief It seems that one of the chief workers for the recognition of the tree was Mrs. Effic Truitt of Three Rivers, and apparently her home town of Three Rivers will be the first day city, or one of the first day cities.

The first day cancellation should actually come from the post office of King's Canyon National Park. The tree is in that park itself, and the location of it is but a mile from the post of-

is but a mile from the post of-

E. A. Neff is the postmaster.

1. How many of the commemorative stamps issued in 1950 picture trees?

2. Only two of the ten National

Parks stamps of 1934 do not have trees in their designs. Which ones are they?

Have to congratulate, and hap-py to do so, the Post Office De-partment for another pleasing stamp in the Boy Scout issue. The color seems to complement the well executed design. The engraving job holds its own under magnifying glass inspection with one exception, and that is the right side of the tallest Scout's face.

The handling of the shading and the highlights on this young man's face would hardly have the approval of his mother. Looks like he has a black eye and a ten days growth of beard.

But why oh why doesn't someone steal that barrel of faded blue ink that the Bureau used in printing the Indiana stamp?

ing the Indiana stamp?
This same shade was used for the Freedom stamp, the 15c UPU and the Washington & Lee comand the Washington & Lee commems and in each case the results were poor. There is just nothing in that blue shade to bring out the sharpness of a design which has a lot of fine lines and details. No doubt the Department orders the stamps printed in that shade on the requests of the sponsoring committees and so is not overly much to blame in the mat-

overly much to blame in the mat-ter. But couldn't it have copies of those three stamps on hand to show the promoters what an unsatisfactory product results?

Wonder what the Korean situation has done to boost the sale of the Korea Flag stamp of the 1943-44 "Overrun Countries" ser-ies? Listed in the Scott Catalog as No. 921, it was one of the several "Flag" stamps which was considered a bit more valuable than the others.

was the last one to be is-It was the last one to be issued, apparently as an after-thought on the part of our govern-ment, for it appeared approxi-mately eleven months after the last of the original twelve was placed on sale to the public.

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It will probably come as a revelation to many easterners that a town as far inland as Detroit was a thriving center before many of their towns were even thought of.

Detroit claims to be the oldest city in the United States between the Allegheny and Rocky Moun-

But let's do a little historical visiting up that way to see why the city is worthy of philatelic recognition.

The site of Detroit, from the very first day of its discovery, was recognized for its superb strategic and economic advantages. Those of you who have studied your geographies know that it is the only U. S. community north of Canadian territory and that it lies just across the Detroit River from Windsor, Ontario.

Eighteen miles south of Detroit

Eighteen miles south of Detroit the river runs into Lake Erie and in the other direction it flows in-to Lake St. Clair and thence into Lake Huron. So it can easily be seen that whoever controlled the river for all practical purposes controlled the immediate land area.

Frenchmen of an exploring party were said to have been the first white men to have visited the site and that as early as 1648. Their reports are possibly what caused the visit of de la Salle in

Still a favorite with the French, it was in 1701 that Sieur de la Mothe Cadillac established a fort

Mothe Cadillac established a fort and trading post under French sovereignty and became its first commandant.. It was named Fort Pontchartrain.

Major Robert Rogers and his "Roger's Rangers" seized the fort for the English on November 29, 1760 and for the next two and one half years had little more than the average amount of perils.

the average amount of perils.

Then in 1763, after the Indian
Nations throughout the territory
west of the Alleghenies had made
coordinated and detailed preparations, they swarmed towards the
several forts in that vast wilderness. Detroit was attacked frequently from May 9 to October 12 that year by the Indians under Chief Pontiac and because of heroic defense measures was able to survive.

It was the only fort west of Niagara and Fort Pitt which was not destroyed by the red men. In 1778, the fort was again rebuilt and named Fort Lernoult. Its population at that time was approximately 300 men women and children who lived in the crudest of log cabins.

All during the American Revolution it was the headquarters of the British in the Northwest and the point from which many Indian expeditions were sent against the American frontier settlements. When in 1796 the English aban doned the fort to the Americans

doned the fort to the Americans its name was changed once again to Fort Shelby. In 1802 after a slow steady growth it was incor-porated as a town in the Northwest Territory.

west Territory.
Disaster struck once again in 1805 when the town was almost completely destroyed by fire. But perhaps the incident while tragic was at the same time a stroke of good fortune. It was the reason why the town was immediately replatted on a larger scale with wider streets and more subwith wider streets and more sub-

with wider streets and more substantial buildings.

Detroit was one of the first places, that the English struck during the "War of 1812". On August 16, 1812 the fort was surrendered by General Hull to the British under General Brock. The next year on September 29, the Americans reoccupied the fort.

Detroit was incorporated as a

Detroit was incorporated as a village in 1815, and in 1824 was chartered as a city by the Legislative Council of Michigan Territory. It was the capitol of the Territory from 1805 to 1837, and then of the state from 1837 to 1847 at from 1837 to 1847 at which time the capital was moved to Lansing.

How many of you know that the post office which handles the mail from the United Nations at Lake Success, N. Y. has a dis-tinctive machine and hand can-

cellation of its own?
The machine die is the usual circle type inside of which is the wording, "UNITED NATIONS/LAKE SUCCESS. N. Y." and the date markings. Used with it is a slogan arranged within six wavy lines which reads. "COURIER/OF THE/UNITED/NATIONS"

A cover I have at hand which cellation of its own?

A cover I have at hand which was send for inspection by H. M. Brehm of New London, Wis. has

Please notice and admire the new scar on my beautiful, long, white neck. As usual, I "brang" it on myself.

In the July 3 column, I wrote In the July 3 column, I wrote that after the stamps had been printed on the continuous flowing sheet of paper on the rotary presses, the sheet was re-rolled and taken to another machine where the gum was added to the stamps and they were perforated.

Victor C. Timmerman of Lake-hurst, N. J. who some time ago hurst, N. J. who some time ago wrote an interesting and highly informative article about the stamp producing process for the Bureau Specialist, official organ of the Bureau Issues Association, corrected me. He pointed out that the gum is added to the paper afthe gum is added to the paper af-ter the design has been imprinted thereon and before the paper is again re-rolled.

again re-rolled.

Stamps printed on the flat bed presses are gummed in a separate operation but those produced on the rotary press, not. So re-file that information correctly in your

Back in the late 1800's the wise-heimers tried to give the various post offices throughout the couna hard way to go by mailing letters addressed

hill John

Mass.
The first few times until the postmasters caught on to the idea such mail caused vexation and was consigned to the Dead Letter Office. But not for long, though.

Many times the ordinary postal card was used for the stunt. It would have the above on the address side, and on the message said have a note which for example read, "The undersigned made a bet that this would not reach the party addressed. If it reaches the city named and the party addressed cannot be found, please return to the control of the control please return to — St., City and State."

So, when a postmaster got mail

addressed that way, where do you think he sent it? Why, no where else than to John Underhill, Andover, Mass.

Simple, isn't it? John under hill and over Mass.
Usually when postmaster A.
Maitland of the Andover post of-fice received such a piece of mail he sent the following stock reply: Dear Sir:

There is no such person in Andover as John Underhill, whose name is indicated by your postal. This is an old one. Letters have been frequently received at this

both the machine and hand cancels on it.

Thought you might like to know, since that organization is very much in the news today.

Please notice and admire the new scar on my beautiful, long, white neck. As usual, I "brang"

office for many years addressed in that manner. Probably each one sending it thinks we will be puzzled over the address, but I have seen it so often that I recognize it at once. It is at least forty years old to my definite knowledge.

Yours respectfully,

A Maitland Postmaster

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1. The Bankers, Kansas City, Executive and Indiana.
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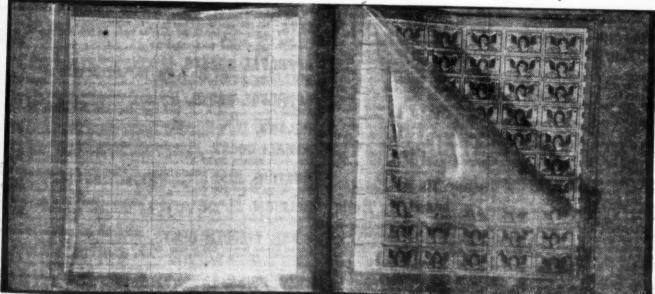
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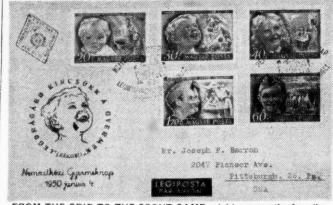
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Please Airmail Fans

Those who have been eagerly awaiting the 1950 Sanabria Air Post Catalog will certainly not be disappointed in this reference book which has been touted as

book which has been touted as "all new" in a number of features.

The catalog itself lists and prices all air post issues up to January 1, 1950 while the June 1950 edition of the Sanabria Air Post News which is included with the catalog, takes care of the stamps after that date to mid-May May

The entire text has been reset in more readable type and in two column pages while the stamp designs are reproduced from new and more readable halftones.

Besides listing all the airmail stamps which have been designat-

ed as the official and legal issues of the world's governments, the catalog also lists those stamps which have been officially author-ized by governments but privately issued by responsible mail carry-

ing aviation companies.

Such private stamp issuing firms carried the mail in Canada, Brazil, Colombia and other countries. In some instances, these private carriers were the only means for the carrying of domestic airmail which the nation had.

All are listed and are well docu-mented with the necessary his-torical facts pertaining to their

Wherever possible, the Sanabria catalog gives the first day of issue, the engraver, size of the sheet of stamps plus any special information about the issue such as released for a special flight or pur-

Bound between flexible leather-like covers, this 470 page book is available at \$4.75 from your dealer or from Nicolas Sanabria Co., Inc., 521 Fifth Ave., New York 17 N. W. Co., Inc., 521 York 17, N. Y.

New Officers, Plenty Of Eats At Canton

At their first meeting in June, the members of the McKinley Stamp Club, Canton, Ohio elected ten new members for their board of directors.

By the time of the last meeting in June the directors had elected in June the directors had elected the officers who were to guide the club during the fiscal year be-ginning July 1. The directors were asked to disclose their selections after they and the other members of the club had been fed royally at the home of retiring president Robert Erlanger with an outside hamburger for hamburger fry

President is now Fred A. Hawkins rather well known in national collecting circles. Assisting him will be vice president Paul Schmucker. Handling the finances mucker. Handling the finances will be treasurer Oscar Schulze, while Doris E. Carlson was returned to the secretary's post by her well satisfied fellow members.

her well satisfied fellow members.
Other than a picnic supper at the cabin of vice president Paul Schmucker in July, and a corn roast at the home of treasurer Schulze in August the club will not meet until September 15 at the YMCA. Interested collectors are invited to the meetings at the "Y."

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They even have a name for it, Vito-Philia.

When the recent three com-mems were released publicising the tobacco and cigar industries, Cuban philatelists took advantage of the opportunity of setting up an exhibition of 300 frames in the Havana General Post Office of Viti-Philia. The exhibition was held on June 20, the first day of

the stamps.

General chairman of the show was Dr. Ernesto Bello, a past secretary of the Club Filatelico de Cuba and now a member of the staff of the Cuban Council for Tuberculosis.

The tobacco industry and meralization

The tobacco industry and mer-The tobacco industry and merchants supported the affair with a cachet of the rubber stamp variety, and with post cards on which were pictured various trade scenes. Visitors to the show were given cigars with the compliments of the Hayana Citar stores. of the Havana Cigar stores.

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King Stamp Estate Purchased By Betts

Announcement is made by W. P. Betts of Elsie, Michigan, of the purchase of the stamp estate of the late W. R. King, nationally known Nebraska philatelist for the part, helf continued According to

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Some of the highspots include the 1c Pan American invert, rare blue papers in select condition, the rare coils, a #79 pair with white cross cancelation frequently written up and photographed, almost complete 20th century mint blocks including all regular issues, and the usual run of Columbians, Omahas and Zeppelin blocks. almost

The Nebraska overprints including the wide-spacing, stretched prints and even a number of un-listed varieties, alone comprise over \$15,000 catalog value.

Those interested in obtaining lists offering this material will receive all literature pertaining to its sale by making request to W. P. Betts or American Philatelic Auctions, Elsie, Michigan, or to Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 18 East Fourth St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio



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